

Hubbard House
Paris (Paris Hill), Maine

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"HUBBARD HOUSE"
(HOTEL)

Paris Hill, Oxford County, Maine

Present Owner

Jennie Hubbard

Date of Erection

1807

Builders

Levi and Russell Hubbard

Present Condition

The hotel is still in use and although it has been kept in repair, no major alterations seem to have been made.

Description

A three story rectangular frame building with square observation tower in the center of the low sloping hip roof. Two chimneys near the center of the house. A decorated cornice surrounds the roof at the eaves. There is a two story extension with gable roof at the rear of the main house and other outbuildings which were probably used as stables until recent years. The porch around the main house is probably a later addition. The central front entrance is of interesting and unusual (plan) and is perhaps the outstanding architectural feature of the building. (Compare with similar feature on Mallow House, Paris.)

In the interior, there are several fireplaces with well designed mantels.

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Other Existing Records

"A City on a Hill", Waterman, Merrill & Webber,
Auburn, Maine, Publishers, 1931.

Additional Data

When in 1805, Oxford County was formed from parts of York and Cumberland Counties, it was decided that the village of Paris Hill should become the Shire Town for the new county, this little farming community was entirely unprepared as a county seat.

The town of Paris Hill was without a courthouse, and had no lodging places or inns, in fact none of the necessary accommodations for the throng of people who would be bound to come to Paris Hill for court proceedings and County Affairs. Paris Hill had just been given the right to a post office previous to the forming of the new county.

It was necessary to erect a hostelry for the attendants at court and Russell and Levi Hubbard therefore set to work to construct the "Hubbard House".

When in 1895, the Shire Town for Oxford County was moved to Paris, most of the buildings used by the town of Paris Hill as a shire town were altered to be used as homes, stores, and other purposes, but the Hubbard House has continued to be an active village hostelry.

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